(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in the matter;

(d) if so what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Permanent review board may be set up in consultation with the Staff Side and may also include Staff Side Members.

(c) te (e) The Government has decided to set up a small compact unit in the Ministry of Finance for maintaining and updating the base data of pay and allowances of Government employees and other related matters.

Payment of Arrears of CCA and HRA

341. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1058 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the orders for payment of arrears of CCA and HRA, for the period from 15th January, 1986 to 30th September, 1986 have not been issued so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT CF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is still under consideration of Government.

Payment of DA Instalment

342. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Wih the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per th* recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission as accepted by Government, the DA instalment which became due on 1st January, 1989 should have been paid with the salary for March, 19SO;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same has not been paid with the salary for March, 1989;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the same is likely to be paid; and

(d) whether the price index for the last three months has shown continuous increase and if eo, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is still under consideration.

(d) No, Sir. The price index numbers for December, 1988, January, 1989 and February, 1989 are 818, 813 and 813 respectively.

SC | ST Employees in various Corporations **under the control of the Ministry of Commerce**

343 . SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in the offices of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, State Trading Corporation, Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation, Marine Products Export Develop-